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None of the prior art cited by the Examiner discloses or suggests annealing of electrodes after machining. The Examiner should understand that annealing processes tend to distort machined parts so that annealing after machining would certainly not be done unless extremely important advantages resulted from the post-machining annealing. No one was aware of the important advantages of post machining annealing until Applicants made his discovery as explained in the text of the application.

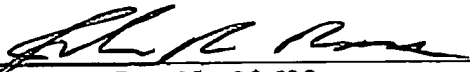
Applicants has amended the two independent claims so that there is now no question as to the order of machining and annealing steps.

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Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, Applicants submits that the outstanding claims as amended should now be allowable and he respectfully requests that they be allowed and that the application be allowed to issue as a patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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